

Headteacher Newsletter Friday 6th October

Highlights of the week

This week we were delighted to meet many of our Year 11 families at the Parent Power Hour – designed to provide parents with information and some resources about how to support their child in the run up to the GCSE exams in June 2024. The parent forum also met this week and looked at our personal development offer and came up with some great feedback in relation the questions Mr Moules posed them. Year 7 showed great community spirit this week in ensuring their outside areas were litter free. Some of our year 11 students who study Spanish GCSE are off to Barcelona next week – an experience that can only further enhance their Spanish skills as the final exam fast approaches. Looking forward to seeing the pictures and hearing all about it. The Beckfoot Trust 10th Anniversary concert is only a month away – the students involved are busy rehearsing. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for ticket details.

Upcoming events/Diary dates

- 10th -13th October Y11 Barcelona Visit
- Wb 23rd October Half term
- Monday 30th October Year 11 Mock Exams Week 1
- Monday 6th November Year 11 Mock Exams Week 2
- Monday 6th November Year 13 Mocks
- Tuesday 7th November Beckfoot Trust 10th Anniversary Concert – St George’s Hall
- Wednesday 8th November Parent Forum 6.30pm -7.30pm
- Friday 17th November INSET Day – school closed to students.
- Friday 24th November INSET Day – school closed to students.
- Thursday 30th November Y11 Parents’ Evening / Post 16 Options Evening

Golden Tickets

| Last week | | Year to date | |
|-----------|-----|--------------|------|
| Year 9 | 212 | Year 9 | 1012 |
| Year 7 | 190 | Year 7 | 942 |
| Year 10 | 165 | Year 8 | 860 |
| Year 8 | 164 | Year 10 | 798 |
| Year 11 | 126 | Year 11 | 674 |



Positive achievement points for learning habit 3

| This week | | Year to date | |
|-----------|------|--------------|------|
| Year 7 | 1007 | Year 7 | 4731 |
| Year 9 | 967 | Year 11 | 4433 |
| Year 10 | 929 | Year 10 | 4157 |
| Year 8 | 871 | Year 9 | 4057 |
| Year 11 | 829 | Year 8 | 3634 |

The Oakbank Way: Our Learning Habits

Learning Habit 1. Positive response: *Opening doors, tidying up, using good manners; ‘please’ and ‘thank you’.*

Learning Habit 2. Perfect uniform

Learning Habit 3. On task behaviour: *Working hard, taking part, following Learning Modes*

Learning Habit 4. Punctual to school and lessons: *Arrive to school before 08:20, arrive to lesson before the bell.*

Learning Habit 5. Equipped for success: *bag, pen, pencil, ruler, planner, mobile phones not seen or heard.*

Attendance

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Year 7 | 92.5 | 92.3 | 94.2 | 92.5 | 92.5 |
| Year 8 | 86.7 | 87.8 | 86.4 | 86.5 | 83.6 |
| Year 9 | 87.9 | 83.5 | 83.9 | 86 | 83.2 |
| Year 10 | 85.6 | 82.6 | 86.7 | 84.5 | 84.3 |
| Year 11 | 87.8 | 85.5 | 82.9 | 85.7 | 84.7 |
| Year 12 | 95.5 | 93.3 | 93.6 | 95.7 | 95 |
| Year 13 | 93.4 | 97.8 | 97.7 | 97.8 | 83 |

Key

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|------------------------------|---|
| 94+% (National Average 2019) | |
| 92-93.9% | |
| <92% | |

Assembly and Tutor lessons (Personal Development)

news session after the Government’s departure from the Net Zero climate commitments.

Extra-curricular activities

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Debate club (Y8, 10, 12, 13) LUNCH TIME F51 MED | Debate club (Y7, 9, 11) LUNCH TIME F51 MED | Girls Football All year groups DWH | Year 7/8 Football CBE/JGI | |
| Fitness Suite KS4 FBR | Year 9 Football DRI | Dodgeball KS3 MFL | Netball Year 7/8 DCH | Rugby year 7/8/9 JFL |
| Lego Club (all years) S34 C. Moore / J. Hird | Girls Rugby KS3 DCH/RST | Healthy Active ME Activity Room | Netball Year 9/10 DWH | Badminton All year groups TSH |
| | KS4 Football Astro GBO | Basketball KS3 CBE | Year 11 BTEC Intervention JIC/DRI | Fitness Suite KS3 JIC |
| | Drama Club (all years) G28 RSI | | Dance/Cheerleading KS3 CFL | |
| | Science Club (Y7 and 8) MMI / ECO S43 | | Gardening Club (all years) S33 E. Cowham / S. Cooke | |

Year Group News

Y7 News

This week year 7 have been having some really thoughtful conversations about dangerous dogs in form time. It was great to hear some articulate opinions regarding American XL Bully dogs. Students have also been celebrating Black History Month with an assembly led by Mrs Ransom. Next week students will be entering the 500 word BBC short story competition.

Y8 News

Alfie in Year 8 has received an award for being kind and polite from Bolt Academy. Well done Alfie!
Year 8 football team had their first league game of the season last night and ran out convincing 11-2 winners against Dixons Allerton. All the boys behaved impeccably and represented school very well.
Congratulations to 8HK for winning the attendance breakfast.

We're currently studying Jane Eyre in English as part of our 19th Century curriculum. Students were asked to research the different types of education and schooling available to students in the early 1800s. Homeworks have been excellent, varied and very informative including this. Even Miss Phillips has learnt something new! [LR English - Victorian Schools - A Case Study.mp4](#)

Y9 News

Well done to Year 9 this week for continuing to be polite and positive around school. We have had an increase in community tickets. Also a huge well done to Stanley H and Jess S who successfully completed their Scout Expedition Badge with 1st Keighley Fell Lane Scouts over the weekend. Throughout the weekend they

prepared and cooked their own food including cooking fish on an open fire in newspaper! Despite the miserable weather that they endured all weekend along with sore feet, they were all able to keep their spirits high and had lots of fun. The Leaders at Fell Lane Scouts are all so proud of them. Fantastic determination.

Y10 News

Year 10 have been reading the Charles Dickens novel 'A Christmas Carol' this half-term in English lessons. It is a great story of redemption and the power we all have to change our behaviour for the good of ourselves and others. It ties nicely into the excellent assembly this week on moving mountains, celebrating Black History Month and focusing on some wonderfully inspirational people from our community and beyond, who chose to make a difference to the lives of others. We know that our Year 10s will be moving mountains of their own before long!

Y11 News

Mrs Hart's and two other maths classes were full of year 11 students taking up the fantastic opportunity of extra maths, in period 6. I'm sure they will all have picked up a few extra marks for their upcoming mocks. Well done guys.



Post 16

It's been a busy few weeks for Post 16 students – we have launched:

1. Student Leadership
2. Work Experience for Y12 – this takes place in July 2024
3. Realising Opportunities - **Welcome to Realising Opportunities - Realising Opportunities**
4. Social Mobility Foundation
5. Duke of Edinburgh

Next week the whole of Y13 are visiting Elland Road for the annual UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair - **UK University Search Fair Leeds Autumn 2023 | UK University Search**

And so far, we have sent off 5 UCAS applications – well done to Y12/13 for the fantastic start and flying the flag for Beckfoot Oakbank – and congratulations to Lucy who has received an offer from Liverpool University to study Psychology – well done.

SPARX Reader and SPARX Maths.

All students in years 7 to 11 have access to Sparx Maths and all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have access to Sparx Reader. Students can access these programmes with the same login that they use for Teams and logging at school. You can log on here. **Beckfoot Oakbank School - Maths**

Sparx maths is now live week so all students in Y7-11 have an online homework linked to the maths curriculum being followed. It's due in each Wednesday! Your child's tutor can help them if they do not know their login / password.

CEIAG – Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

Future Ready Learners – then please do so by clicking the link below

Beckfoot Oakbank School - Future Ready

There are new dates for your students for career and work experience days taking place online over the next couple of months.

The days are designed to give students an insight into possible future careers with advice on how to apply to university followed by an afternoon session of work experience to help them see what the career may be like. Students will receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

If you could let your students know who are aged 13-18, students can register to join the online days through the website.

The schedule is as follows:

- Performing Arts Career Day - Saturday 30th September 2023
- Medicine Career Day - Saturday 7th October 2023
- Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 21st October 2023
- Dentistry Career Day - Saturday 28th October 2023
- Business Career Day - Sunday 5th November 2023
- Psychology Career Day - Saturday 11th November 2023
- Architect Career Day - Saturday 18th November 2023
- Vet Career Day - Saturday 25th November 2023
- Law Career Day - Saturday 2nd December 2023
- Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 9th December 2023

Students can visit www.careerdays.co.uk to join a session in their field of interest and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

Career Newsletter 2 October 2023.pdf




| Date | Time | Session Information |
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| Day One Monday 20th Nov 2023 | 12.10-12.50 12.50-13.30 13.30-14.10 14.10-14.50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law - PL-5276 • British Airways - PL-5277 • Civil Aviation Authority - PL-5278 • KISPE - Space - PL-5281 |
| Day Two Tuesday 21st Nov 2023 | 09.50-09.50 09.50-10.30 10.30-11.10 11.10-11.50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Scouts & Junior Gliding - PL-5282 • Royal Air Force - PL-5284 • Boeing - PL-5286 • University of West London - PL-5288 |
| Day Three Wednesday 22nd Nov 2023 | 12.10-12.50 12.50-13.30 13.30-14.10 14.10-14.50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NATS- Air Traffic Control - PL-5291 • Chris Timson, Hot Air Balloon Pilot - PL-5293 • Teesside University - PL-5296 • Eagle Eye Innovations - PL-5298 • Drones/Remotely Piloted Systems |
| Day Four Thursday 23rd Nov 2023 | 09.10-09.50 09.50-10.30 10.30-11.10 11.10-11.50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAE Systems - PL-5301 • IAG Cargo - PL-5303 • Lockheed Martin - PL-5304 • Department for Transport Ambassadors - PL-5305 |
| Day Five Friday 24th Nov 2023 | 12.10-12.50 12.50-13.30 13.30-14.10 14.10-14.50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airbus - PL-5544 • Air Service Training - PL-5546 • RAF Air Cadets - PL-5547 • TBC - PL-5548 |

To register and apply click here for all options

Use the links below to navigate the pages

- Work Experience (booked by Students)
- Discovery Workshops (booked by Educators)
- Upcoming Broadcasts
- Host a Speaker at your school
- VTalks Library
- National Teen Book Club
- Past Imperfect Podcasts

Linklaters is delighted to invite your students to take part in an exciting virtual work experience programme during half term. Designed to develop important employability skills and provide valuable insight into life at a global law firm, this three-day online course offers the opportunity to engage directly with Linklaters staff and take part in a variety of activities that will expand students' understanding of the firm's Business Teams.

- 30th October-1st November, 9:30am-3:30pm
- Open to students in Year 11, 12 and 13

We encourage you to share this opportunity (flyer attached) with your students and encourage them to apply via this link. The deadline for applications is Friday 13th October. Please note that spaces are limited and applications may close early if the course is oversubscribed; students are advised to sign up as soon as possible to secure their place.

If you have any questions or require further information about the programme, please do not hesitate to reach out to community@linklaters.com.

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A WONDERFUL EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC TO CELEBRATE THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BECKFOOT TRUST
PERFORMANCES FROM ALL OUR TRUST SCHOOLS

This year, we celebrate 10 years of the creation of the Beckfoot Trust. To mark this special occasion, we are holding an evening of live music at St Georges Hall in Bradford.

The concert will feature performances from each of our Trust schools as well as collaborative pieces, where schools will come together on stage to perform.

The concert will shine a light on the incredible musical talent we have in our schools and will be an amazing experience for our students to play at a world famous venue.

We would love students, staff and parents to join us for the event.

Tickets are available via www.bradford-theatres.co.uk from Friday the 29th of September.

Tuesday 7th November

6.00^{pm} - 8.00^{pm}

St George's Hall Bradford

Tickets - £4 (available from www.bradford-theatres.co.uk)